

W. J. ERSKINE COMPANY

SUCCESSORS TO,

ALASKA COMMERCIAL COMPANY

AT

KODIAK, ALASKA

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, 310 SANSOME STREET

COMPLETE STOCK OF
GENERAL MERCHANDISE

ALASKA
BUNKER COAL

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FISHERIES

KODIAK, Nov. 17, 1920.

The Hon. Commissioner of Fisheries,
Washington, D.C.

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In handing you herewith attached our report on fishing operations for the season of 1920, we beg to make the following explanations:

We conducted no fishing operations on our own account during the past season, merely acting as agents for the various independent fishing boats which made Kodiak as headquarters. These boats fished under the Territorial fishing licenses issued to us and we made the required returns under such licenses.

All the boats in question were engaged in fishing and dry salting codfish. The fish were, mainly, taken on trawls, similar to gear used in the halibut fisheries; they were dry salted in the holds of the boats, and upon completion of the trips, were landed on our wharf and boxed for shipment on steamers to Seattle and San Francisco. About 200 tons now remain on hand and will be shipped to San Francisco, in bulk, about February 15th, next.

The boats engaged in this work during the past season are listed below:

Gas Schr.	LISTER ✓	about 15 ¹¹ tons,	5	value about	6,000.00
Gas boat	PILGRIM ✓	" 8 5 "	"	"	3,000.00
Gas boat	NORTHERN KING	" 8 7 "	4	"	4,000.00
Gas boat	PATMOS ✓	" 17 16 "	"	"	7,000.00
Gas Schr.	EDITH	" 7 7 "	3	"	2,000.00
Gas boat	BUFFALO	" 15 17 "	"	"	6,000.00
Gas boat	FLOSSIE	" 6 "	"	"	3,500.00
Gas schr.	NIMROD	" 8 5 "	3	"	2,500.00
Gas boat	NORTH STAR	" 15 8 "	"	"	7,000.00
Gas boat	TUMWATER	" 4 "	"	"	1,500.00
Gas boat	B.M.F.	" 3 "	"	"	1,200.00

The above boats carried 30 dories valued at about 1,500.00

The pack of codfish from the above fleet consisted of:

874,148 pounds	Dry salted Codfish	valued at	\$48,078.14
2,775 "	Stockfish	" "	500.00

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There were 48 men engaged in fishing and operating the above mentioned boats, four of whom were natives, the balance being whites.

The crews of the EDITH and NORTHERN KING, two of the boats listed above, also packed some herring, Norwegian method, and used a beach seine 200 fathoms long. Eight men were engaged in this work and the pack consisted of 174 barrels (34,800 pounds) valued at \$2,436.00.

Owing to the peculiarity of the operations here, as compared with other fisheries in Alaska, we are giving you the above information instead of filling in the attached report form, for it seems to us that the form is inadequate for this purpose. Should the information not be sufficiently complete, or clear, we will gladly furnish any other data required.

Very respectfully,

W.J. Erskine Company

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